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To Whom It Concerns:

As director of an organization that uses animals to help the elderly, handicapped and those ill in body or mind, I am writing to urge your thoughtful consideration on three dockets: 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197.

Please know that many of the citizenry are genuinely concerned about health standards practiced and enforced by your organization. Of course, many of Pets For Life's volunteers and donors are concerned about the welfare of the hens used in egg production. But much of the general population, who may not care about hens, are concerned about healthy food production procedures.

*The FDA needs to do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulating egg refrigeration temperatures. **Forced molting of laying hens must be banned** as this has been scientifically shown to promote infectious diseases by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. This is the primary cause of diseases of hens, eggs and consumers of eggs. In 1998, a petition to ban forced molting was presented to the FDA. A responsible organization like the FDA, - on whom everyone who eats in the United States is dependent for safe, healthy food- can delay no longer in granting this petition.*

Thank you for considering the health of Americans everywhere.

Gratefully,

Mary D. Buford
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Director

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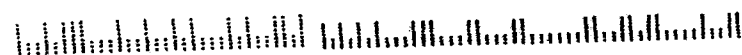


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